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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN, PBOR
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR MULCAHY FROM READING &
BATES REPRESENTATIVE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR MULCAHY
WHICH LOCAL READING & BATES REPRESENTATIVE HAS ASKED US
TO TRANSMIT TO EMBASSY TUNIS:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: I AM VICE
PRESIDENT OF READING & BATES DRILLING CO. STATIONED IN
LONDON AND RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTRACTS IN EUROPE AND
AFRICA. I WAS INVOLVED IN, AND AM THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR
WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING READING & BATES'
CONTRACT AND DRILLING ACTIVITIES WITH THE NATIONAL OIL
CORPORATION OF LIBYA.

I AM PLANNING A TRIP TO TUNIS ARRIVING JULY 31ST,
SCHEDULED DEPARTURE EVENING OF AUGUST 2ND. I WOULD AP-
PRECiate THE OPPORTUNITY OF VISITING WITH YOU SOMETIME
DURING THIS PERIOD.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE. RESPECTFULLY.
W. B. TYSON, VICE PRESIDENT & MANAGER OF CONTRACTS,
EUROPE & AFRICA, READING & BATES DRILLING CO..LONDON
END TEXT

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: TYSON APPROACHED THIS EMBASSY
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WITH SOME TREPIDATION AND ASKED EMBOFF TO INTERCEDE FOR
HIM WITH AMBASSADOR MULCAHY RE THIS REQUEST FOR AN
APPOINTMENT. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPROPER
FOR EMBASSY LONDON TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO AMBASSADOR
MULCAHY ON A MATTER WITHIN THE LATTER'S JURISDICTION.
BUT UNDERTOOK TO TRANSMIT THE MESSAGE. IF AMBASSADOR
MULCAHY DOES RECEIVE TYSON, HE MAY FIND THE LATTER SOME-

WHAT DEFENSIVE ABOUT HIS COMPANY'S RECENT ROLE IN DRILL-
ING IN THE DISPUTED AREA. TYSON SAYS HIS COMPANY HAS
HAD DRILLING CONTRACTS IN TUNISIA IN THE PAST AND IS
SEEKING NEW ONES. BREWSTER

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